



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit, commonly called "The Purple Heart," the oldest military decoration in the world in present use, was established on August 7, 1782, by General George Washington during the Revolutionary War as an incentive to the Continental Army in recognition of outstanding valor and merit; and
- WHEREAS: The Purple Heart was reestablished in 1932 through Presidential orders, per War Department General Orders 3, and chartered by Congress as the Military Order of the Purple Heart in 1958. The Purple Heart is currently awarded pursuant to Federal law and Executive Order and is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces or any civilian national of the United States serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the United States Armed Services; and
- WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or killed in any action against an enemy or opposing armed force of a foreign country of the United States; while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party; as a result of an act of any such enemy of opposing armed forces; or as the result of an act of any hostile foreign force. Since March 28, 1973, the Purple Heart has also been awarded as a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, or as a result of military operations while serving outside the territory of the United States as part of a peacekeeping force; and
- WHEREAS: United States service members have throughout history served bravely, and continue to do so, often at great personal risk; and
- WHEREAS: The recipients of the Purple Heart have made tremendous sacrifices in the defense of the United States of America and the preservation of national interests at home and abroad. Their sacrifices on our behalf will forever be an inspiration to all Minnesotans and all citizens of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 7, 2014, as:

PURPLE HEART DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 4th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE